IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yabuta et al. Group Art Unit: 3625

Serial No.: 09/900,265 Examiner: Fadok, Mark A.

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For: Method and System for Performing **Commodity Purchasing**

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

In response to the Final Office Action of May 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.